



## **Arlington Disability Commission Minutes**

Date: October 16, 2019

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: 27 Maple Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room

Attendance: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis (Chair), Liza Molina, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Paul Czech, Darcy Devney, Paul Raia

Others: Christine Bongiorno (Director of Health & Human Services), Ellen Leigh (Disability Advocate)

Absent: Maureen St. Hilaire

### **Minutes**

1. Welcome and introductions
2. September meeting minutes tabled until November meeting
3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator Position: Christine Bongiorno informed the group that there were 63 applications for the position and 11 applicants will be interviewed during a first round of interviews which will take place within the next few weeks. Commissioners Molina and Devney have agreed to participate on the second round interview panel.
4. Budget: Christine Bongiorno presented the budget expenditures to date. To date, the commission has spent or obligated: \$1,000 for the Richard Einhorn presentation, \$3,000 for ADA work to be done on the website, \$7,500 to install 3 door openers on the Senior Center 2<sup>nd</sup> floor restrooms as well as Commission meeting space conference room, \$3,456 has been set aside for CART services for the year. Total expenses \$14,956 with \$10,044 remaining. The remaining \$10,000 will be applied to the Self Evaluation/Transition Plan.
5. Paul Czech updated the group on the Richard Einhorn presentation. Czech reported that he is waiting for dates in the spring and will move forward with booking the date soon. Czech will also look for sponsors to cover the food.
6. Christine Bongiorno asked the Commission to submit suggestions related to the Election Modernization Committee by Friday. Bongiorno reported that Food Link has requested a variance from the AAB, the Commission has asked that Food Link present at the next meeting. Bongiorno updated the Commission on the Open Meeting Law and Remote Participation. Bongiorno reported that the law allows for remote participation for Disability Commissions provided that the Commission take a vote to allow such

participation. Bongiorno will bring a vote to the Commission in the November meeting to officially allow remote participation.

7. High School Building Committee: Paul Raia reported that at the last Building Committee meeting, he presented his concerns about the design to the committee about the architectural plans. Raia reported that, although the design is compliant with the ADA, it does not capture the subtleties of disabilities. The Commission voted to send a letter to the Building Committee asking for a voting seat on the Committee and address concerns related to plan.
8. Meeting adjourned 6:15pm